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The American revolutionaries have already started a propaganda campaign designed to insure a big turnout of protesters for the Democratic National Convention to be held July 10-13 at Miami Beach. Rennie Davis, one of the "Chicago 7" has declared that 40,000 nonviolent antiwar demonstrators will participate in the demonstrations next July. The Florida People's Coalition also known as the Florida People's Platform Coalition, is the self-proclaimed state-wide group organized to coordinate demonstrations during the Democratic National Convention. Jack Lamont, news director of Miami Beach radio station WBUS-FM and a member of the coalition, has stated that the FPC is an anti-sexist, anti-racist and anti-imperialistic organization.

The FPC is proposing two days of nonviolent demonstrations. A meeting of the steering committee of the FPC was held at the University of Miami, Coral Gables on 25 March. Approximately 25 individuals attended, representing such Florida cities as Tampa, Tallahassee, Jacksonville, St. Petersburg, Gainesville, and Miami. The meeting was reportedly dominated by the Miami contingent who insisted that all actions be peaceful and nonviolent.

The following activities were tentatively decided upon by the steering committee:

12 July--A rally will be held from 10 a. m. to noon at Bayfront Park in downtown Miami. Following the rally, participants will disperse throughout the city to hold teach-ins and distribute literature from door-to-door.

13 July--At 12 noon there will be an assembly in Bayfront Park and at 3 p. m., following a short rally, participants will march to the convention site in Miami Beach. At 6 p. m. another rally will be held at the convention site which will include speeches, music, and distribution of food.

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When the democratic candidate for president is announced, attempts will be made to have him appear at the rally, at which time he will be confronted with the Peoples Platform. The platform demands that the Democratic Party nominee pledge to end the Vietnam War within 24 hours after taking office, pull all U. S. troops out of Indochina no later than April 29, 1973, and withdraw American support from South Vietnam's anti-Communist government.

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The Peoples Party (a coalition of peace groups including Peace and Freedom Party and the New Party) will hold its national nominating convention a few days after the close of the Democratic National Convention in mid-July. The Peoples Party has nominated Dr. Benjamin Spock, pediatrician and peace activist, as a stand-in presidential candidate and Julius Hobson, former Washington, D. C. School Board president as vice president, pending a convention decision. The PP has four sites under consideration for this summer's national convention and they are Kansas City, Miami, St. Louis, and San Diego. Bob Kunst convention coordinator has recommended Miami but there are several political and logical considerations which favor a St. Louis convention. Kunst has based his argument on the following four assumptions: Disillusioned delegates will walk out of the Democratic Convention and join the PP Convention; the street people demonstrating in Miami will attend the PP Convention; one or more unsuccessful candidates will offer to be the PP candidate and; members of the press will stay in Miami to cover the PP Convention.

The ad hoc committee for a St. Louis convention has taken issue with Kunst's arguments. This committee feels that there is no reason to expect a mass defection of democratic delegates. In 1968 when the New Party made an effort to recruit delegates to help form a fourth party one delegate actually lent support. On Kunst's second point, the committee does not foresee the street people being financially able to stay an additional four or five days in Miami. A democrat seeking the PP nomination would have to agree to help build a fourth party to support the platform which the committee does not foresee. With reference to the press, the committee believes the press will cover the PP Convention only if it merits national attention.

St. Louis allegedly has offered facilities for the PP Convention. Many state representatives have indicated they will not come to Miami and possibly this could result in splitting the PP down the middle.

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Washington, D. C. April 15-16. The demonstrations are being organized on an emergency basis to protest the escalation of U. S. bombing in North Vietnam. Plans call for a march on April 15, to Lafayette Square, where a mass sit-down will take place.

Demonstrators who stay over April 16 will be able to participate in workshops on future antiwar actions. Participation is expected to be light in view of the short lead time for publicity.

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*16 April, St. Louis, Missouri

The Young Workers Liberation League, the St. Louis Committee to Free Angela Davis and the Black Youth Alliance will sponsor a conference on the trial of Angela Davis. The conference will be held in the Sheldon Memorial Building, 3648 Washington Avenue at 3 p. m. on the above date. The program will include the "trial" of President Nixon and Governor Reagan for conspiracy against Miss Davis, musical entertainment, speeches and a panel discussion of the increasing repression against the people. The film, "Angela Davis, Portrait of a Revolutionary" will be shown. The sponsors believe there are many misconceptions about the case and urge all to come who have questions.

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*17 April, New York, New York

The War Tax Resistance, an affiliate of the Peoples Coalition for Peace and Justice, has scheduled a vigil with leafletting at the New York City Internal Revenue Service Building, 122 Church Street, from 11 a. m. to 2 p. m. The purpose of the above demonstration is to protest the cost of the war in southeast Asia.

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17 April--20 May, Nationwide

The War Resisters League has recently announced a "spring calendar of peace actions" for April and May. These demonstrations are to be supported by the VVAW, PCPJ and various GI groups. The events for the forthcoming demonstrations are as follows:

17 April-- A demonstration to protest the use of the tax dollar for the war is planned at the Alameda Naval Air Station, Alameda, California.

26 April-- Antiwar demonstrations are planned at the stockholders meeting of General Electric Corporation, Houston, Texas and at the Honeywell Corporation, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

8-13 May-- Local demonstrations across the country

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will be held to protest the war-related corporations and federal offices linked to war and repression. The demonstrations reportedly will take place at the following federal offices: FBI, Internal Revenue Service and induction and recruiting centers.

20 May--Military air bases have been cited as possible locations for demonstrations. *THE NEW YORK* *7/10/72*

19-22 April, Nationwide

The Student Mobilization Committee, controlled by the Trotskyite Socialist Workers Party, and its youth group, the Young Socialist Alliance recently sponsored a National Student Antiwar Conference in New York City. College and high school students attending the conference agreed to support the following activities:

19 April--Organize nationwide high school "speakouts" to build for a mass demonstration on 22 April.

22 April--Support the demonstrations sponsored by the National Peace Action Coalition at New York and Los Angeles.

The above activities also have been endorsed by the National Welfare Rights Organization, the Defense Committees for Angela Davis, the Berrigans, and other national left-wing organizations.

*21-23 April, San Jose, California

The Mexican-American Political Association, a nonpartisan organization established for the social, economic, cultural and civic betterment of Mexican-Americans and all other Spanish-speaking American citizens, reportedly will sponsor the National Chicano Political Conference to be held at the Hyatt House on the above dates. No further information is available on the conference at this time.

*22 April, New York, New York

The massive antiwar demonstration scheduled for New York City on the above date and sponsored by the Socialist Workers Party controlled National Peace Action Coalition will reportedly consist of the following activities.

Beginning at 10:30 a.m., various participating groups are scheduled to assemble at 72nd Street and Central Park West. Carrying their own banners and slogans, the participants will march south on Columbus

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Avenue to Broadway at 65th Street, then down to 42 Street, over to 5th Avenue, and around the 42 Street library to 40th Street between 5th and 6th Avenues. A massive antiwar demonstration is scheduled to take place at this location from 1:00 to 4:40 p. m.

In the past the NPAC has stressed legal and nonviolent demonstrations. It is not believed that they will alter this philosophy this time out. Although publicity for this demonstration (as well as one scheduled the same day in Los Angeles) has been apparent for many months, it is not believed that the size of the crowd will approach or exceed the amount of demonstrators attracted to the April 1971 rally in Washington, D. C.

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*22 April, San Francisco, California

The split between the Communist Party USA influenced Peoples Coalition for Peace and Justice and the Socialist Workers Party controlled National Peace Action Coalition continues to widen.

The Committee for the Seven Points (a reference to the peace proposal of the North Vietnam government) and the Bay Area April 22 Coalition, affiliates of the PCPJ, plan to hold a rally and march on the same date as the NPAC's sponsored demonstrations in New York and Los Angeles.

The stated purpose of the PCPJ sponsored demonstration concentrates on three major themes: support of the Provisional Revolutionary Government's seven point peace plan; termination of U. S. foreign expansionism; and condemnation of President Nixon's economic and political repression policies.

It should be noted that PCPJ demonstrations in the past have been confrontational, hence some civil disobedience can be expected. The size of this demonstration is unknown at this time.

*23 April, Atlantic City, New Jersey

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The Workers Action Movement, a front group of the Progressive Labor Party, has announced that it will demonstrate at the National Convention of the United Automobile Workers on the above date. The purpose of the demonstration will be to call for 30 hours work and 40 hours pay.

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*29-30 April, Los Angeles, California; Seattle, Washington; Washington, D.C.

The Students for a Democratic Society has announced plans for demonstrations to be held in Los Angeles, Seattle, and Washington, D.C. on the above dates. The purpose of these activities is to counteract Loyalty Day demonstrations and to highlight May Day demonstrations.

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*29 April, Washington, D.C.

The Workers Action Movement and the Students for a Democratic Society reportedly plan to sponsor a mass demonstration in Washington, D.C. on 29 April to celebrate "May Day" as an international working class holiday. The WAM and the SDS are organizations controlled by the PLP.

Preliminary plans call for participants to assemble at a playground near the Hamilton Junior High School on the above date at 12 noon. A mass march is then scheduled to the U.S. Capitol where a series of speeches will be given.

The sponsors estimate 3,000 persons from the eastern half of the United States will attend. It should be noted, that the last time the Progressive Labor Party sponsored a demonstration in Washington the assemblage was considerably larger than predicted.

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